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Subject: Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board Comments on Tri-Party
Agreement (TPA) Change request M-45-04-01

Michael Graine
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Dear Ms. Cusack and Mr. Rasmussen:

David Van't Hof
Governor's Office

The Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board (Board) received a presentation on TPA change package M-45-04-01 at its recent meeting in Hermiston, Oregon. We would like to thank Ms. Cusack for making this presentation; it was enlightening and useful. We also would like to applaud the cooperation between the agencies that led to this agreement. In general, the Board agrees that this change provides a good framework for controlling the retrieval of single shell tanks at Hanford.

Arnand Minthorn
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the Umatilla Indian
Reservation

Sen. Joan Dukes

However, the Board has some concerns related to the new Appendix I created by this change. We are concerned that in moving some requirements from milestones into primary documents, Appendix I has reduced the amount of public involvement in the single shell tank retrieval process, since primary documents have no public review requirements. After reviewing the primary documents required by Appendix I, we find that the following documents or portions of documents should include public involvement requirements:

Sen. Ted Ferrioli

Sen. David Nelson

Rep. Linda Flores

Rep. Bob Jensen

Rep. Steve March

- Tank Retrieval Selection and Sequencing
- The Pre-Retrieval Risk Assessment portion of the Tank Waste Retrieval Work Plan

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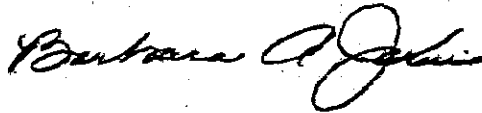
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- The following portions of the Retrieval Data Report:
 - The updated post retrieval risk assessment,
 - The discussion of feasibility/viability of other available retrieval technologies, the feasibility of developing additional retrieval technologies, associated detailed cost estimates and amount of additional waste that could be removed,
 - Opportunities and actions being taken to refine or develop tank waste retrieval technologies, based on lessons learned,
 - DOE's recommendations for further action and proposed schedules.

The citizens of Oregon and Washington have a vital stake in ensuring that the high-level waste tanks at Hanford are cleaned up in a technically sound, environmentally safe and expeditious manner. Public involvement in these issues assures that our citizens are fully informed and aware of the myriad decisions associated with this effort.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Jarvis, Chair

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